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FOR AMBASSADOR HECK FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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1. THE SCENARIO OUTLINED IN REFTEL WAS RAISED AND DISCUSSED IN BOGOTA 1605 PARA 6. TO ELABORATE FURTHER, HOWEVER, I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT JUDICIAL AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL FACTORS WOULD PROBABLY RESTRAIN PRESIDENT LOPEZ FROM PUTTING SEVERE PRESSURE ON THE COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SUCH AS BY DIRECTLY THREATENING ITS LEGALITY. HOWEVER, I THINK THERE IS A CHANCE THAT HE COULD BE MOVED TO DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH TOP PARTY LEADERS AND THAT THIS MANIFESTATION OF HIS INTEREST COULD PROMPT THE PARTY TO CAUTION THE FARC AGAINST KILLING STARR. TO GET THE PRESIDENT TO DO THIS WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO. A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO LOPEZ WOULD BE EVEN BETTER, AND EITHER METHOD WOULD HAVE DESIRABLE BONUS EFFECT OF DEMONSTRATING TO HIGH-LEVEL GOC LEADERSHIP THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THIS CASE IS VIEWED BY USG.

2. AS FOR SCENARIO IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL, I AM AFRAID THAT A
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HUMANITARIAN APPEAL TO THE COLOMBIAN COMMUNIST PARTY BY SORZANO STANDS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS. AS I INDICATED EARLIER, I WOULD HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT EXPOSING SORZANO IN THAT WAY BUT WE WOULD OF COURSE SET UP SUCH A MEETING IF TASK FORCE SEES NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.
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